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BRIEFING MAY 24:

DOT SECRETARY BROCK ADAMS' LONDON PRESS CONFERENCE

QUESTION: CAN YOU ADD TO SECRETARY ADAMS' REMARKS IN
LONDON ON MONDAY (MAY 23) THAT "CESSATION (OF AIR SERVICES
BETWEEN THE US AND UK) IS A VERY REALISTIC POSSIBILITY"?

ANSWER: THE US AND UK HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING SINCE LAST
SEPTEMBER TO REACH A NEW AGREEMENT COVERING AIR SERVICES
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BEFORE THE PRESENT AGREEMENT
EXPIRES ON JUNE 22 AS A RESULT OF THE BRITISH DENUNCIATION.
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"THE WHOLE THING MAY CEASE AT THAT POINT"?

ANSWER: SOME OF THE ISSUES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN
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DURING THE NEXT WEEK OR TEN DAYS, IT PROBABLY WILL NOT BE
POSSIBLE TO REACH FINAL AGREEMENT BY JUNE 22. WE MAY CON-
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